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1. MONSSON ACTIVITY SLACKENED SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE WEEK
ENDING AUGUST 3. THE NUMBER OF WEATHER ZONES RECEIVING NORMAL OR
ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL DECLINED TO 13 FROM 25, OUT OF A TOTAL OF
35. THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITY WAS MAINLY CONCENTRATED IN RAJASTHAN,
PUNJAB, HARYANA, GANGETIC PLAINS, ASSAM, ORISSA, AND
EASTERN GUJARAT. RAINFALL OVER THE REST OF THE COUNTRY WAS
DEFICIENT TO SCANTY RANGING FROM 31 PERCENT IN TAMIL NADU TO
96 PERCENT IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR (BELOW NORMAL).

2. CUMULATIVE RAINFALL FROM JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 3, 1977 WAS
NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL IN BAY ISLANDS, ASSAM AND MEGHALAYA,
SOUTHERN PARTS OF WEST BENGAL, ORISSA, BIHAR, UTTAR
PRADESH, HARYAN, PUNJAB, HIMACHAL PRADESH, JAMMU AND KASHMIR,
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RAJASTHAN, MADHYA PRADESH, GUJARAT, MAHARASHTRA (EXCLUDING
SOUTHEAST AREAS), ANDHRA PRADESH (BARRING NORTHWEST AREAS),
TAMIL NADU, KARNATAKA, KERALA AND LAKSHADWEEP. RAINFALL OVER
BALANCE OF THE COUNTRY WAS BELOW NORMAL RANJING FROM 20 PERCENT
IN NORTHWEST ANDHRA PRADESH TO 42 PERCENT IN NAGALAND, MANIPUR,
MIZORAM, AND TRIPURA. THE ABOVE WEATHER ZONES WHICH RECEIVED
NORMAL OR ABOVE NORMAL RAINFALL ACCOUNTED FOR

APPROXIMATELY 94 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL KHARIF CEREAL PRODUCTION
(COMPARED TO 68 PERCENT IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 1976)
USING AS A BASE THE DISTRIBUTION OF KHARIF PRODUCTION DURING 1970-
71.

3. WITH MORE THAN NORMAL PRECIPITATION, FLOOD WATERS HAVE
INUNDATED VAST AREAS OF HARYANA, RAJASHTN, WEST BENGAL
ORISSA, GUJARAT, AND BIHAR, BUT NO MAJOR CROP DAMAGE HAS BEEN
REPORTED AS YET.

4. OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF THE MONSOON DURING THE CURRENT
SEASON HAS PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR GREATER FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION THAN
THAT ACHIEVED LAST SUMMER. HOWEVER, TIMELY AND ADEQUATE RAINFALL
DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON IS NEEDED TO INSURE SUCH
PERFORMANCE.GOHEEN

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